



CITY OF ARCATA

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Council Chamber
736 F Street, Arcata

March 13, 2018
Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

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PLEASE NOTE: Speakers wishing to distribute materials to the Planning Commission at the meeting are requested to provide 10 copies to the assigned project Planner.

I. CALL TO ORDER.

II. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS.

This time is provided for people to address the Commission or submit written communications on matters not on the agenda. At the conclusion of all oral and written communications, the Commission may respond to statements. Any request that requires Commission action will be set by the Commission for a future agenda or referred to staff.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR.

All matters on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine by the Commission and are enacted in one motion. There is no separate discussion of any of these items. If discussion is required, that item is removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately. At the end of the reading of the Consent Calendar, Commissioners or members of the public can request that an item be removed for separate discussion.

- A. Approve Planning Commission Minutes – Regular Meeting – February 27, 2018, 6:00 p.m.**
- B. Adopt a General Plan Consistency Finding for the Establishment of a Western Greenbelt Plan**

IV. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR.

Items removed from the Consent Calendar will be heard under this section.

Commissioners will provide *Ex Parte* communications prior to discussion of any item removed from the Consent Calendar.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

Prior to opening each public hearing, Commissioners will provide *Ex Parte* disclosures. Disclosures include a summary of information and sources gathered outside of the public hearing.

A. Approval of a Design Review Permit for the Placement of a New Non-Illuminated Pole Sign for Chase Bank in the Jacoby Storehouse Parking Lot on the Southeast Corner of 7th and H Streets with Required Findings, Conditions of Approval and a Class 3 CEQA Exemption; 780 7th Street; File No. 178-033-DRS.

In early 2017, the original pole sign was destroyed in a car crash. Chase Bank seeks to install a new (replacement) sign that will substantially match the previous sign in height and design, but will be of different material. The proposed sign will be ten feet tall, on a metal pole, with an approximately 7 ½ square foot, double-sided, non-illuminated sign featuring the Chase Bank logo. The sign will be constructed of a faux, wood-grain PVC material (Attachment B).

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve the Design Review permit application for a new non-illuminated pole sign through the adoption of Findings, Conditions of Approval and a Class 3, Section 15303 – New Construction, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption.

B. Amend the Land Use Code to Allow Retail Cannabis Sales and Service.

The City Council directed staff to initiate Land Use Code (Code) amendments to allow cannabis retail uses consistent with state regulations. The proposed Code text amendments (Attachment A, Exhibit 1) update the zoning regulation portion of the City’s commercial cannabis regulatory program to allow up to fifteen (15) cannabis retail businesses with an approved Use Permit and Commercial Cannabis Activity Permit. This action would create regulations to allow sales and services in commercial zones and accessory retail in the Cannabis Innovation Zone.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Council:

1. Adopt Resolution PC-18-01 (Attachment A) recommending the City Council adopt Land Use Code text amendments to regulate commercial cannabis retail and service land use activities and adopt a California Environmental Quality Act exemption.

VI. BUSINESS ITEMS.

A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair, and Member Resignation

VII. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT.